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SUBJ: ELECTION CAMPAIGN OFFICIALLY BEGINS APRIL 4

REFS: (A) LISBON A-62, (B) LISBON A-75

1. CAMPAIGN: THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED APRIL 1 THAT THE OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN PERIOD FOR THE APRIL 25 ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC ELECTIONS WOULD RUN FROM APRIL 4 UNTIL MIDNIGHT, APRIL 23. PUBLICATION OF POLL RESULTS IS PROHIBITED IN THIS PERIOD. ON APRIL 2 POLITICAL PARTIES WILL DRAW FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FREE MEDIA TIME DURING CAMPAIGN. ELECTION BALLOTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE DISTRICTS APRIL 6-8.

2. ELIGIBLE VOTERS: NEW REGISTRATIONS WILL INCREASED THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS BY 250,000-300,000 (PERCENT) TO UNCLASSIFIED

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6.4 MILLION. ONLY 135,000 OF THE NEW REGISTRATIONS ARE

"RETURNEES," LESS THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED. THE ELECTIONS  
SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THAT A VERY HIGH PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE  
NEW VOTERS REGISTERED. DISTRIBUTION OF DEPUTIES BASED ON REGISTRA-  
TION RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED APRIL 5.  
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